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1 – (OPINION) Hey, Texas: Time for a real climate-change debate, Dallas Morning News, 9/19/2014

<http://www.dallasnews.com/opinion/sunday-commentary/20140919-hey-texas-time-for-a-real-climate-change-debate.ece>

We in Texas are not known for environmentalism. Texas is, after all, one of the states that helped initiate a lawsuit against the Environmental Protection Agency for attempting to put carbon dioxide emissions limits on new power plants. It's one of many fights Texas has picked with the EPA in the cause of states' rights.

2 – Marches on global warming draw tens of thousands, Times Picayune, 9/21/14

http://www.nola.com/environment/index.ssf/2014/09/march_on_global_warming_expect.html#incart_river

Tens of thousands of activists walked through Manhattan on Sunday, warning that climate change is destroying the Earth — in stride with demonstrators around the world who urged policymakers to take quick action. Starting along Central Park West, most came on foot, others with bicycles and walkers, and some even in wheelchairs.

3 - Hays, San Marcos continue lead tests with differing results KVUE, 9/19/2014

<http://www.kvue.com/story/news/local/2014/09/18/hays-san-marcos-continue-lead-tests-with-differing-results/15840665/>

an Marcos Assistant Director of Public Services Jon Clack said the water samples tested as part of the city's system-wide analysis were from lines that had been flushed for 10 minutes prior to sampling. While the EPA's website says flushing water lines is a good way to lower lead levels, Clack says they did it to ensure the validity of the tests.

4 – EPA, state marks cleanup phase at Superfund site, ABC Tulsa, 9/21/2014

<http://www.ktul.com/story/26589045/epa-state-marks-cleanup-phase-at-superfund-site>

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and state officials will commemorate the end of major cleanup efforts of some 3,000 yards, parks, driveways and alleyways in nine communities that lie in or near the Tar Creek Superfund site.

5 – Be the Change, Miami New Record, 9/21/2014

http://www.miamiok.com/commentary/article_f9b10688-b0ef-50cc-80a2-1ea32e90e746.html

The closest neighbors to the LEAD Agency office on A Street in Miami are apartments owned by Lloyd Ogle. When I saw him standing outside yesterday I went to visit with him. He asked if we were having the Tar Creek Conference at the college this year due to the building conditions at the Civic Center.

6 – Climate impact marches set for Santa Fe, Albuquerque, Abq Journal, 9/19/14

<http://www.abqjournal.com/465066/abqnewsseeker/climate-impact-marches-set-for-santa-fe-albuquerque.html>

Hundreds in Albuquerque and Santa Fe are expected to march Saturday in solidarity with the People's Climate March in New York City the following day, which is expected to be the largest march for climate solutions in history, said a news release from the Sierra Club.

7 – Chevron agrees to \$4 million restoration settlement Taos News, 9/20/2014

http://www.taosnews.com/news/article_6124239e-403d-11e4-a858-438c28553651.html

State and federal agencies have proposed a \$4 million settlement with Chevron to cover environmental damages caused by the release of hazardous substances over decades at the Questa mine.

The settlement proposal is tied to a complaint filed in federal court Aug. 28.

8 – Marrero oil recycler cited for excessive emissions, odors, Times Picayune, 9/19/14

http://www.nola.com/environment/index.ssf/2014/09/deq_cites_marrero_oil_recycler.html#incart_river

A used-oil recycling business in Marrero has been cited by state environmental regulators for excessive pollution. And the company, Vertex Refining, is seeking to increase its production capacity.

9 – Watch Al Jazeera’s Video on Oklahoma Drilling and ‘Far From Normal’ Earthquakes, State Impact, 9/19/2014

<http://stateimpact.npr.org/oklahoma/2014/09/19/watch-al-jazeeras-video-on-oklahoma-drilling-and-far-from-normal-earthquakes/>

Al Jazeera Plus produced a 10-minute video on Oklahoma’s earthquake swarm, which included interviews with worried residents and activists and explored some of the science that has linked the seismic surge to wastewater disposal wells used by the oil and gas industry.

10 – Galveston eyed for \$6 billion LNG export terminal, Efficiency, Fuelfix, 9/19/2014

<http://fuelfix.com/blog/2014/09/19/galveston-eyed-for-6-billion-lng-export-terminal/>

A Woodlands-based liquefied natural gas company is considering building a \$6 billion export plant on a small island north of Galveston once slated for a LNG import terminal that never materialized.

11 – Study: Many NM birds may be extinct by 2080 Abq Journal, 9/22/2014

<http://www.abqjournal.com/466130>

I have a difficult time imagining what New Mexico will be like by the year 2080. I try to imagine it being something other than what is described in a study released recently by the National Audubon Society in which many of our beloved bird species in New Mexico could be extinct. This new study reveals that global warming threatens nearly half of the regularly occurring bird species in the United States and Canada with extinction, including many of New Mexico’s birds: the burrowing owl, the black rosy-finch, the lesser prairie-chicken, the red-faced warbler and the western bluebird.

12 – Restoration projects aimed at creating marsh in Cameron, America Press, 9/18/2014

<http://www.americanpress.com/Restoration-projects-aimed-at-creating-marsh-in-Cameron>

Members of the Louisiana Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority Board on Wednesday were updated on the status of several coastal protection projects, particularly those that would benefit Cameron Parish.

Pat Landry, regional operations manager for the Southwest Louisiana division, said work on the \$19.5 million south Grand Chenier hydrologic restoration project should begin early next year.

13 - EPA digs into storm water projects Montana Standard, 9/19/14

http://mtstandard.com/news/local/epa-digs-into-storm-water-projects/article_f3569290-c892-55d8-9732-b05c64b51491.html

The Environmental Protection Agency is undertaking three projects that will wrap up at the end of October, all part of an ongoing effort to remove contaminated soils from the Butte Hill that threaten the health of Silver Bow Creek.

14 - It Will Take an Insane Amount of Rain Before the Highland Lakes Recover, State Impact, 9/19/14

<http://stateimpact.npr.org/texas/2014/09/19/it-will-take-an-insane-amount-of-rain-before-the-highland-lakes-recover/>

Central Texas is having a pretty decent year, rain-wise. We’re sitting just below normal. And it’s been a good week, too: early Thursday, one part of Austin got over seven inches of rain.

15 - With emissions rising, it's time to embrace natural gas, The Rancher, 9/21/14

http://www.yourhoustonnews.com/ranch/opinion/with-emissions-rising-it-s-time-to-embrace-natural-gas/article_bc5ddd31-bc59-5f84-a4e1-414fd9bc5c49.html

Scientists recently recorded the highest average levels of atmospheric carbon dioxide in human history. In response, climate researchers and environmentalists have redoubled their pleas for a transition to alternative energy sources.

Abandoning all forms of fossil fuel, however, isn't a realistic strategy for reducing carbon pollution. Any short-term plan for cutting emissions has to involve one of the cleanest and most economically viable energy sources available right now: natural gas.

16- PRESSURE BUILDING, Denton Record Chronicle, 9/19/14

<http://www.dentonrc.com/local-news/local-news-headlines/20140919-pressure-building.ece>

One City Council member has dubbed it a universal failure. Perhaps the biggest showdown on Denton's November ballot — a proposed ban on hydraulic fracturing in the city limits — came after a culmination of failures by past city leaders, state legislators and regulators, housing developers, the oil and gas industry, and home buyers themselves.

17- The Cost of Fixing Climate Change, National Geographic, 9/18/14

<http://newswatch.nationalgeographic.com/2014/09/18/the-cost-of-fixing-climate-change/>

Reducing greenhouse gas emissions could boost the economy rather than slow it, according to a new study by the Global Commission on the Economy and Climate. Better Growth, Better Climate: The New Climate Economy Report finds that roughly \$90 trillion will be spent in the next 15 years on new infrastructure around the world. Adopting rules that redirect that investment toward low-emissions options—more efficient use of resources and the building of connected and compact urban cities driven by public transportation—could make economic sense.

18- Group fosters cooperation between farmers, beekeepers, News Star 9/21/14

<http://www.thenewsstar.com/story/news/local/louisiana/2014/09/21/group-fosters-cooperation-farmers-beekeepers/15854869/>

Agricultural producers, beekeepers and pesticide applicators are working together in an effort to minimize the damage chemicals may have on honeybee populations in Louisiana. LSU AgCenter entomologist Sebe Brown said the Louisiana Pollinator Cooperative Conservation Program was created as a way to prevent beekeepers and pollinators from exposure to pesticides from agricultural operations.

19- Federal agencies' regulatory overreach criticized, Delta Farm Press, 9/19/14

<http://deltafarmpress.com/government/federal-agencies-regulatory-overreach-criticized>

Federal regulatory overreach -- particularly the EPA's proposed Waters of the U.S. rule -- was the theme of the day during a September 15 press conference of the Republican Agriculture Commissioners Committee (RACC). It's an election year, of course, and from the outset Louisiana Agriculture Commissioner Mike Strain didn't shy away from the committee's desire to see more members of his party elected or appointed.

21- Growing steam coal exports can boost La. economy, Shreveport Times, 9/18/14

<http://www.shreveporttimes.com/story/opinion/guest-columnists/2014/09/19/growing-steam-coal-exports-can-boost-la-economy/15869859/>

Since the Ukrainian crisis erupted several months ago, politicians and pundits on both sides of the aisle have been clamoring for the Obama administration to expedite the approval of terminals for exporting American liquefied natural gas. By selling some of our abundant gas supply to Europe, so the argument goes, we can punish the Russians by breaking their stranglehold on the European market.

22-Rust-colored water showing up in one community, WDSU, 9/15/14

<http://www.wdsu.com/news/local-news/new-orleans/rustcolored-water-showing-up-in-one-community/28073544>

Rust-colored water is showing up in one community and homeowners want answers. A St. Bernard father says the EPA and parish leaders told him the water is safe to bathe in - even drink.

23- City won't support EPA fossil-fuel rule, North West Ark, 9/21/14

<http://www.nwaonline.com/news/2014/sep/21/city-won-t-support-epa-fossil-fuel-rule-1/>

Siloam Springs will not back a proposal by the Environmental Protection Agency that would reduce greenhouse gases from existing fossil fuel plants. In a 7-0 vote at Tuesday's three-hour board meeting, city directors voted against Greenhouse Gas Emission Rules for Existing Power Plants, citing that the EPA was over-reaching its boundaries.